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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

CIPRIANI, Franco et al.

Serial No.: 09/871,353

Filed: May 30, 2001

For: Fluorescent Markers Comprising  
Functionalized Thiophene

) Group Art Unit: 1639

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) Examining Attorney: TRAN, My-Chau T.

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) Confirmation No. 9560

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 22, 2003, please amend the  
application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.